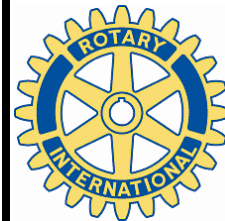




The Rotary Big Wheel

Anderson, Ind.
March 13, 2007



Today's Program: Iraqi War Part II, Carl Caldwell

Phase one: Creation of state, ca. 1920 to 1932 as mandate of Britain

Ruler: Faisal ibn Hussein al Hashimi

Establish bodies of government; in Baghdad, countryside, Kurdish areas

Early aide: Nuri al-Said, who will move into & out of power until 1958

Early on: Reliance on Sunnis in central part of the country; distrust of Shi'ites & Kurds

1927: Oil discovered in Kirkuk, (northern Iraq)

Late 1920s: On-going unrest in Kurdistan; required Iraqi army response, including RAF

Phase two: 1932 to 1958: Period of monarchical control (with

greater or lesser British involvement)

1932: Iraq wins independence from British control

1933: King Faisal I dies & is replaced by King Ghazi

1936: First coup d'etat over issues raised in 1920s over how state will work

1939: King Ghazi was killed in automobile accident; succeeded by 4-year-old son, Faisal II

1939: War broke out in Europe; Britain & Germany as enemies one more time. Forced response in Iraq

1941: Prime Minister Rashid Ali aligns Iraq with the Axis powers, provoking a brief war with Britain. In March, pro-British Prime Minister Nuri al-Said is returned to

power. Iraq switches sides, declaring war on the Axis

1948-49: Iraq joins Transjordan & other Arab states in fighting Israel, which declared itself to be a state in 1948. Most of Iraq's Jews—about 120,000 people—flee to Israel or the West.

1953: Faisal II crowned king at age 18; real power lay in hands of prime ministers & army officers

1955: Iraq joins with Britain, Turkey, Iran & Pakistan in the Baghdad Pact, a loose alliance intended to check Soviet influence in the region

Mid '50s: Much popular discontent with pro-West, pro-British leanings of Nuri al-Said, & by implication Faisal II

1958: Revolution overthrew Faisal and all associated; brutal murder of king and family and Nuri al-Said



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Rotary Moment No. 512, Rotary in the Middle East: Mike Montgomery

We all look forward to the program today to expand our knowledge of the Middle East. Some Rotary association with the area may also be of interest.

Rotary District 2450 includes two clubs in Armenia; three in Bahrain; 18 in Cyprus; 72 in Egypt; one in Georgia; eight in Jordan; 20 in Lebanon; one in Khartoum in the Sudan; and one in the United Arab Emirates (Dubai). That certainly is a job for their district governor. The clubs in Cyprus are located in both Turkish and Greek parts of the island. You may remember last year that Rotarians in Cyprus were of great assistance to those who evacuated from the fighting in

Lebanon. This district is home to the Egyptian editor of a magazine called Rotary that serves the Middle East and is published in French, Arabic and English. The Rotary club of Cairo was chartered in 1929, nearly 90 years ago. One Rotary club in Cairo is called the Sphinx club.

District 2420 is located entirely in Turkey. It has 82 clubs — more than half of which are in Istanbul. Rotary Istanbul was chartered in 1957.

District 2440 also has 67 clubs that are all in Turkey. Ankara was chartered in 1965. In addition, District 2430 has 85 additional clubs in Turkey — two in Azerbaijan, one in Kazakhstan (where have we

heard that name before?) and one in Tajikistan.

There were 13 clubs in Iran before the overthrow of the Shah.

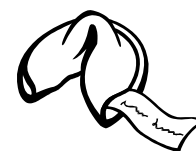
On the eastern edge of the Middle East area there are 114 clubs in Pakistan. And abutting Pakistan and a part of that District 3270 is Afghanistan which in spite of the conditions has three Rotary clubs: Herat, Jalalabad and Kabul with 46 Rotarians. Lying between Jordan and Afghanistan there remains a great space yet to be filled with Rotarians and the goodwill and service of Rotarians.

Bob Shoemaker

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Good Fortune

There's more to balance than not falling over.



Upcoming programs

Bob Shoemaker's Nuclear Testing Experience	March 20
Club Assembly	March 27
Green and Sustainable Building Design, Mike Montgomery	April 3

Make-ups

Brenda Craig	Online
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Visiting Rotarians

Eric Woods	Lafayette Daybreak
Jeff Gschwind	Downtown Ft. Wayne

Guests

Brenda Hiser	Guest of Sam Pellegrino
Mark Eddy	Guest of Dan Sager
Teresa Carter	Guest of Dana Donahue
Laura Pickard	Guest of Tom Bannon
Kelsea Webb	Interact
Chris Horner	Liberty Christian School
Chris McCool	Highland High School

Announcements

If you have an announcement you'd like to have made during a Rotary meeting, kindly call President Pam at 631-0844 or e-mail your announcement to pamcoletti@aol.com by Monday evening preceding the Tuesday meeting.

- April 10—Tips for Teachers. Interact members will be here to help us with lunch in exchange for tips they use to fund Paul Harris Awards for two Teachers of the Year.
- Thanks to Bob Shoemaker for repairing the Rotary Club bell.

50/50 Raffle



Won by: Bob Shoemaker
Total collected: \$64

Harold Phillips Literacy Fund



All members are encouraged to make a donation to the Harold Phillips literacy fund during the month of their birthday. The money is used to buy books for Madison County preschoolers in Head Start. See Pam Coletti or John Kane to donate.

Happy Birthday



- Robert Jackson, March 2
- James Freeman, Jr., March 5
- Lora Rich, March 5
- Kenneth Miller, March 7
- Robert McFadden, March 8
- Jane Ruff, March 12
- Donald Volk, March 16
- Marilyn DeHaven, March 17
- Japet Brewer, March 23
- Thomas Seal, March 26
- James Edwards, March 27